

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was a regular meeting of the Land Use & Economic Development subcommittee held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee member present: Deputy Mayor Hypolite, Councilors Gamble and Jacobs.

Non-Committee members present: Councilors Rivers. Also present were: Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

Guest present: Marie McDonald, Sinnott Farms resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion regarding the addition of Arrowwood, Quail Run, Spice Bush, Spring Hill and Timothy Lane as town owned roads

There was an extensive committee discussion about the differences between the roads listed above built by the developer (Toll Brothers). This developer also built other roads in the same vicinity as the Sinnott Farms development that have been accepted as town owned roads. Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning submitted written correspondence to the Sinnott Farms Road Acceptance Request (see attached).

Mrs. Marie McDonald, Bloomfield resident of Sinnott Farms expressed concerns regarding fairness and equality for the 66 residents on these private roads versus town owned roads.

Councilor Gamble will make a referral to the Town, Plan and Zoning (TPZ) Commission as they are the appropriate entity to make a decision on this issue. Mrs. McDonald will make a presentation to the TPZ regarding her concerns.

Discussion regarding the choices between the Town Hall and Prosser sites for library expansion

Councilor Jacobs stated that he is more supportive of relocating the Prosser Library to the Town Hall site. This move would minimize the overall town footprint as well.

Deputy Mayor Hypolite stated the position of the Finance Subcommittee regarding the fiscal ramifications that may be premature to endorse as a development site.

Councilor Gamble stated that a decision should be made to endorse either site once funding becomes available.

Mr. Louie Chapman, Jr., Town Manager expressed the town is in full support of building an expansion to the library; however it must be done in a fiscally responsible manner.

New Business

Mr. Chapman, Jr., Town Manager gave an update on the status of 470 Cottage Grove Road (VALVO) site. Mr. Don Gresham (developer) and the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development are in agreement for loan acceptance of \$900,000 that will be offered to the town as a "Brownfields Loan". This loan will be forgivable as a pass through to the developer.

It was moved by Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hypolite and voted unanimously to recommend this item on the Council agenda for June 25, 2012.

Recognition of Businesses

Councilor Jacobs recommended Star Silk & Woolen as a local business to be recognized.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hypolite to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.